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TO: Sen. Edith Prague

FROM: Phoenix Young

SUBJECT: Update on the Citizens' Election Fund

You asked for the fund balance for the Citizens' Election Fund and an update on the administrative costs for the Citizens' Election Program.

The current balance of the fund is approximately \$43 million. This includes the full-year, full amount deposit of \$18 million for FY 10. Pursuant to PA 09-3, \$18 million was transferred to the General Fund in FY 10 and \$7 million will be transferred in FY 11.

In FY 09, administrative costs to run the program were paid out of the fund. Beginning in FY 10, pursuant to PA 09-03, funds to administer the program will be appropriated to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, totaling \$3 million in FY 10 and \$3.2 million in FY 11.

The program has 36 authorized positions and currently has 33 employees. The administrative cost to the program was \$2.8 million in FY 09. Of that, approximately \$2.3 million were personnel related costs but did not include fringe benefits.

Please let me know if you have any further questions in this regard.